

Railroad Hearing.—The hearing before the railroad commissioners for a better train service on the Lake road was held at Morrisville last Thursday. The entire board was present together with Col. H. E. Folsom of Lyndonville, superintendent of the road; E. H. Blossom of St. Johnsbury, assistant superintendent; the attorney for the road, John Young of Newport; also Charles H. Noyes, a traveling salesman for a Boston house, the mover of the petition, and Col. E. B. Sawyer of Hyde Park, who appeared in behalf of Mr. Noyes and the petitioners. The petition has the signatures of nearly 250 persons, including a large number of traveling salesmen and business men living along this line of road. It asks for no additional trains, but he asks for a return to the former express service.

Col. Sawyer opened the hearing by asking for a continuance of the case on the ground that less than a dozen of the 200 or more signers had been notified of this hearing, and but a very short notice at that. If the petition was to be resisted by the company, or if it is to be considered anything more than a temporary arrangement of trains, he would suggest a continuance.

Mr. Young said the petition would be resisted by the railroad company, but declined to say what the future train service would be, as that would depend entirely on the circumstances. He said the petitioners were wrong in petitioning the Boston & Maine for better train service as that corporation had nothing to do with the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain railroad. The latter is a separate corporation, much of whose stock is owned by Boston & Maine directors. The road is not leased to the Boston & Maine, as has been stated, and the two corporations are entirely distinct. Mr. Young then argued for no continuation of the case, contending that the petitioners had done their duty, and all the state and railroad officials had. There should be no continuance, without the petitioners bear the expense.

The state commissioners considered the petition and continued the hearing to March 24 at the same place.

State vs. Tom Morris.—The preliminary hearing in the case of State vs. Tom Morris, charged with assault and battery, took place in the police station Monday morning before Justice Worcester, Taylor for state and Dunnett for Morris. The first witness was E. N. Randall, upon whom the assault was committed. In telling the story of the encounter Mr. Randall said the first he knew that anybody was following him was when he heard a voice, which he recognized as Morris', call out his name and at almost the same instant he received a hard blow on the back of his head, knocking him face downward into the snow. Then, Mr. Randall said, Mr. Morris hit him several times in the face and threatened to kill him if he did anything more about the case against his wife. He thought he must have been unconscious for a time after Morris left him for when he got up he was weak and staggered a good deal. In a few minutes he reached Dr. Hitchcock's office, where his wounds were dressed and from there he was carried home.

C. W. Hodge testified that he met Mr. Randall coming down Maple street about midnight that night. He saw him at a distance and thought it was a drunken man, as he was making considerable noise, but he was walking very briskly and was not noticeably unsteady on his feet. He said Randall called attention to his condition and he noticed that he was some bruised and bloody.

Charles Green testified that he saw Randall in Dr. Hitchcock's office and that the doctor was dressing his face, also that Randall wanted him to go right out and get Morris arrested.

Dr. Hitchcock testified that he dressed Mr. Randall's wounds, that his nose was badly bruised, that he had several lacerations on his forehead and a large one on the back of the head and that he also complained of a sore hip.

Justice Worcester decided that the case was out of his jurisdiction and that Mr. Morris should be bound over in \$500 bail to appear at the next term of the county court. Bail was at once furnished.

The defence presented no evidence and their story of the encounter will not be heard until the trial in the county court.

Exemption from Poll Tax.—In response to a request from several of our readers we publish the law relating to the exemption of polls of certain honorably discharged soldiers from taxation:

Section 1. Any person who served in the regular volunteer army or navy of the United States in the war for the suppression of the rebellion in the Southern states between the years 1861 and 1866, both inclusive, was honorably discharged therefrom, and has no taxable estate or grand list in any town or city in this state or elsewhere, except his poll, to be made to the lists before the time of the completion of the grand list, upon his request, he exempt from all taxation in such town or city. And the lists of each town and officers having corresponding duties in civils, shall set the names and poll of all such persons exempted from taxation under the provisions of this Act in the grand list, writing the words, "Soldier Exempt," in an appropriate column opposite the name of such person. But such exemption shall not deprive the person of the right to vote in town and city meetings.

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Ministerial Association.—The bi-monthly meeting of the Congregational Ministers association of Caledonia county was held in the South church parlors yesterday. Rev. Dr. Edward T. Fairbanks conducted the exercises. Rev. Mr. Cole of St. Johnsbury Center spoke of the Chicago theology and Rev. Dr. A. H. Heath gave the third instalment of his theology. These two addresses were followed by a general discussion upon Rev. Dr. Dunning's letters on Congregational ministry.

The Art Exhibit.—Supt. Jones has furnished the CALEDONIAN the following interesting report of the art exhibit: The art exhibit held at the Museum last week proved very successful both in an educational and a financial way. A better appreciation of art and greater capacity for the enjoyment of good pictures on the part of all visitors will be the most valuable result. This result will be further augmented in the case of the school children by means of the art objects to be purchased for the school rooms with the proceeds. An interest in art training and school room ornamentation has been awakened which will doubtless bear fruit in the future. Already three good pictures have been presented to the school by friends, and two more are promised. Other gifts in this line will be appreciated and suitably placed.

Tickets sold by members of the ninth grade Summer street school, amounted to \$11, by the eighth, \$33, by the seventh, \$110, by the sixth, \$8.67, by the fifth, Miss Farmer's room, \$21.65, by the fourth, Miss Woodruff's room, \$13.80, and by the fourth, \$11.60. Summerville pupils sold tickets amounting to \$15.60 and other pupils to the amount of \$4. Donations amounting to \$4 were received, and \$35 was taken at the door, making the gross receipts \$169.42. The expenses for labor and material, rent, printing, packing, express both ways on the Century collection, insurance on the same, amounted to \$85.65 leaving a surplus of \$83.77. A gift of \$10 previously received makes the sum now \$93.77. This sum will make a good beginning toward the object in view, but will be far from sufficient. Additions to it made by interested friends will be welcome and wisely applied.

The thanks of the school are extended to those who so generously loaned the treasures of their homes, to Mrs. Tibbitts for the insurance and management of the enterprise, to the children who were active in selling tickets, to the press for advertising, and to all others who contributed to the success of the exhibit.

County Court.—Court adjourned Saturday morning after hearing a few court cases and granting the following divorces: Sarah T. Atherton vs. John Atherton, bill for refusal to support; Lena M. Treifen vs. William C. Treifen, bill for wilful desertion; Matilda A. Spaulding vs. Lucius W. Spaulding, bill for intolerable severity. Court has been in session this term 53 days. Reuben Perry, convicted of trying to sell a livery team belonging to Harrison Badger of Barton, was sentenced to the reform school at Vergennes for the remainder of his minority or until March 31, 1901. The boy is now 16 years old.

To My Friends and Patrons.—I wish to address this article more especially to the people of St. Johnsbury and vicinity. It is nearly eighteen years since I commenced in the florist business here. From a small beginning I have enlarged until today I claim to have as good an establishment for growing plants and flowers as there is in Vermont. It costs a good deal of money to establish and run a place like this in such a climate as we have. I trust that the public will appreciate my efforts and give me a share of their patronage. I make a specialty of furnishing cut flowers and floral designs. It is my aim to fill all orders promptly, and to supply, on every occasion, just such flowers and in such quantity, as are desired. But I would respectfully call your attention to the importance of sending in your orders as early as possible, so that they may be filled to your satisfaction. Particularly does this apply to special occasions, as, for instance, holiday festivities, weddings, social gatherings, dinner parties, etc., plans for which are made in advance. While my greenhouses are extensive and I have large facilities for supplying flowers, it is not easy always to so regulate the supply as to fully meet the demand, which is of course intermittent and cannot be relied upon; and it occasionally happens that those who order at the last minute, without time for procuring specially desired flowers from the city, do not have their orders filled to their complete satisfaction. Even the latest wholesale houses at times might not be able to fill these late orders. All persons who make a business of handling flowers dispose of them as soon as possible. People do not wish to buy stale flowers or those that they suspect of being stale.

A florist is obliged to be very careful in a place of this size, where he may not sell a flower all day, or perhaps 50 or 75 cents worth, or it may be as many dollars worth in less than twenty-four hours. If he carries too large a stock his losses may exceed his profits and this is something that the public do not stop to think of when they find it impossible to get just what they want on a few minutes notice.

Cases of emergency nobody can arrange for, but it will be found much more satisfactory to all concerned if my customers will remember that, as the early bird is alleged to secure the worm, so the customer who sends in his order for flowers early is sure to get what he wants.

The mail, the telephone, the telegraph and the special messenger can be used at any time, to the advantage of the customer.

Let me have your orders at the earliest possible date, and they shall be filled to the very best of my ability.

As to prices, remember that these are regulated by supply and demand, and that at Christmas time and just before other special seasons when a great many flowers are being called for by the public, the rates charged by the larger dealers invariably advance.

The prices I charge you at such times are based on what I myself have to pay when ordering special lots from these dealers to fill local orders.

C. F. Gibbs.

Mrs. Albert Sugland of Saxton's River, a white woman who lived for many years with a negro as his wife, took a dose of laudanum last week Tuesday morning and died in the evening. The two were between 50 and 60 years of age. Mr. Sugland was addicted to drink. He took the cure for the habit and went without drinking a year or so, but soon relapsed, and the despondency of the woman was caused by his vicious habits and abuse.

Business Changes.—Carl E. Gray has sold his livery business to Frank N. Carr of St. Johnsbury and William Worthen of Danville and the new firm of Carr & Worthen took possession Monday. It is the intention of the new firm to run this stable in connection with the St. Johnsbury House stable opposite, which has been closed for several months past. Mr. Carr will still continue to have charge of his stable at the Avenue House. Mr. Gray has not decided what business he will enter.

William M. Kellogg has decided to remove to his old home, Hartford, Conn., and will leave St. Johnsbury sometime next month. Mr. Kellogg has been in photographing business here for the past nine years and has made a success of his profession. He will continue in the same business in Hartford.

Joseph Brunette has sold his shoe repairing business to Joseph Rouvain. Mr. Brunette has been here 17 years and is undecided as to what he will do now.

Goss & Swett have dissolved partnership by mutual consent, and C. H. Goss will carry on the business alone. Mr. Swett remains with the concern for the present.

Mrs. Fanny Humeau, who is to open millinery parlors in the new Avenue House April 1st, has gone to New York to select her goods.

The firm of J. Halley & Co. have sold their stock in trade to Edgar L. Hunt, who has been clerk at the Brooks-Tyler dry goods store. Mr. Hunt takes possession of the store next Monday. Mrs. J. Halley Curick retains her millinery goods and will open millinery parlors at another place.

A Narrow Escape.—Capt. Edward F. Griswold had a close call Monday afternoon at the railroad crossing on Portland street. He was driving down the hill to the Passumpsic railroad track when a freight train came along in front of him. The horse became frightened and whirled and started up towards Pad-dock village, running between the moving train and the flagman's house. Capt. Griswold held on to the reins and succeeded in stopping the horse and escaped from his perilous position with a general shaking-up and a few bruises.

Mystic Club Banquet.—The Mystic Club entertained the Lyndon Club very handsomely last night at a banquet at the St. Johnsbury House. After a social hour at the club rooms the party went over to the St. Johnsbury House where Landlord Howe had 65 covers laid and served a fine banquet of 10 courses. Alexander Dunnett presided as toastmaster and short speeches were made by Rev. J. C. Bodwell of Lyndonville on "Our English Cousins," Henry C. Bates on "Games," Prof. D. Y. Comstock on "The Influence of Literature on Social Life," David E. Porter on the "Affections," Principal Ranger of the Johnson Normal school on "Clubs," and Rev. Dr. A. H. Heath on the "President of the United States." The toasts were all of a high order and the speakers were frequently interrupted by applause. Excellent music was furnished during the evening by the Orchestral Club of eight pieces, J. D. Partridge, leader.

In addition to the Lyndon Club the Mystic Club had as their guests of the evening the Principal Ranger of the Johnson Normal school, still a member of the Lyndon Club, Rev. Dr. A. H. Heath, Prof. D. Y. Comstock and Albert L. Farwell.

The Choral Union.—A good rehearsal of the union was held last night and excellent progress made in the preparation of the magnificent oratorio of Elijah and some separate choruses. As the time for the festival draws near it is very important that all members of the chorus shall be on hand at every rehearsal, as only in this way can successful work be done. The next rehearsal will occur on Tuesday evening. Let all be on hand promptly. The executive committee announced last night the appointment of E. A. Silsby, Mrs. D. D. Patterson and J. W. Sault as a special committee to secure artists for the festival.

Public Notice.
We are hereby authorized to refund the money on a 25c or 50c bottle of Hustena the great cough remedy if it does not cure your cough and cold. Try it.
C. C. BINGHAM.
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L. D. STILES, St. Johnsbury Center.

WANTED, FOR SALE, ETC.

[Small advertisements will be inserted in this column in reading matter type at the rate of two cents a word for the first insertion and one cent a word for subsequent insertions. Cash must accompany the order.]

FOR SALE.—Safe and two show-cases. At 69 Railroad Street.

Girl wanted for general housework. Apply at 56 Summer street.

FULL BLOOD and grade Berkshire pigs for sale by Walbur Nelson, Barnet, Vt.

LOST. Ladies' watch, on Main street, oxidized silver, open face. Leave at CALEDONIAN office.

WANTED. About April 1, girl on farm in St. Johnsbury, where two girls are kept. Address C. Caledonian office. References required.

WANTED. A Cook and a kitchen girl. Inquire of A. Whitney, Fairbanks Boarding House.

FOR SALE. A desirable residence pleasantly located at the north end of Summer street. For particulars call on or address F. O. Clark, 101 Eastern Ave.

WANTED. Sewing, J. K. Herbert, 2 Prospect avenue.

Hungarian hay for sale. Mrs. M. A. Miles, 14 Western Ave.

Tenements in the Winter houses, Caledonia street, to rent.

PIONEER GARDEN FARM for sale or to let. R. W. Laird.

House to rent, six rooms, acre of land, good barn, situated half a mile from school. F. H. Ranney, St. Johnsbury, or George Pierce, Lyndonville.

LOT OF GOOD SHOATS for sale. J. F. Adams, East Barnet.

TO LET. House at No. 32 Mt. Pleasant street, nine rooms, modern conveniences, very desirable. Address, Mrs. H. W. Hudson, 3 Pine street, South Framingham, Mass.

FOR SALE. Carpet, baby carriage, 54 Spring street.

Births.

At West Concord, March 4, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Bonett.

At Sheffield, March 7, a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Phillips.

At Wilder, March 3, a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Goss.

Deaths.

At St. Johnsbury, March 6, Harold, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Heath, aged 11 years.

At St. Johnsbury, March 6, Albert, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duval, aged 5 months and 15 days.

At St. Johnsbury, March 7, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Story.

At St. Johnsbury, March 2, Ralph E., son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. McFarlin, aged 2 months and 15 days.

At St. Johnsbury, March 3, Miss Mary Higgins, aged 76 years.

At St. Johnsbury, March 4, George Carleton Smith, aged 23 years.

At West Concord, March 3, Mrs. Rosaline Hill Spencer, aged 79 years.

Men's Woonsocket Rubber Boots

\$2.00

Boys Woonsocket Boots

\$1.50

At

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For the Lungs, Throat, Chest.

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OUR NOTION DEPARTMENT.

This week while we are unpacking and marking our New Dress Goods and Domestic we would call your attention to the most complete stock of notions to be found in the state. It is our aim to keep every thing in stock that is called for and many novelties not to be found elsewhere that you must come to us to see.

Each Day Brings Something New

And fresh and of interest to our patrons. In this (as in all other departments of our store) we do not buy the cheapest goods we can find but we do the best, and offer them at lower prices than you can find the same goods elsewhere. Buying in large quantities and taking advantage of all discounts that ready money will command we are enabled to do this.

Our Kid Glove Stock

Replete with standard brands contains many exclusive lines. All warranted and perfect fitting.

If you are not a customer in our Corset Department we would gladly have you try some of our celebrated makes. If we do not have what you want we will cheerfully get it for you. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

See Our New Metal Girdles,

Fringed Ties, New Laces and trimmings.

Our Cloak sale of last week was beyond our expectations. There are a few left and they will be sold at the prices quoted last week: \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$5.

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